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In re Application of

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For: OPTICAL FIBERS OR OTHER WAVEGUIDES HAVING A PLURALITY
OF TAP STRUCTURES FOR FORMING ILLUMINATION PATTERNS
AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME

Group Art Unit: 2882

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of August 22, 2002 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-29), with traverse, for prosecution in the above-identified application.

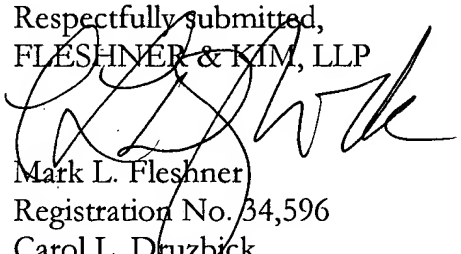
It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of each of the designated inventions is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of each of the designated inventions would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining designated inventions. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it states that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct o

independent inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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